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The Honorable Melvin R. Laird

Herewith is a quick estimate on possible reactions to an American retaliatory strike against North Vietnam. We hope that this will provide a useful check list as you consider this problem.

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms Director

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